

**HASTINGS & St LEONARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2025**

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Charity Information

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- Hastings & St Leonards Baptist Church

The charity's areas of operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with charity number 1208802

Legal structure of the charity

The governing document of the charity is dated 24 June 2023 establishing the charity.

The trustees are all individuals.

The principal operating address, telephone number and email address of the charity are:-

St Leonards Baptist Church

Chapel Park Road

St Leonards on Sea,

East Sussex

TN37 6HR

Telephone:-

074 3758 4216

email address:-

info@stleonardsbaptist.org

Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

The advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

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Trustees' Annual Report

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 30 June 2025:-

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period, and, if applicable, their dates of appointment or resignation during the period were:-.

Mr R McGaughey

Mrs N Cudmore

Mr M Fletcher

Mr I Russell

Ms C Mascord

Mr G Hodge

Mrs N Rose

Ms FJ Colompare

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

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The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they had regard for the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The contribution of volunteers during the year.

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Achievement and Performance

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The appointment of Trustees are made each year by the Church Annual General Meeting for a fixed term of up to 3 years. specific skills and experience relevant to and a passion for the work.

Following the correct procedure as laid down in the Constitution, the Trustees can appoint a Trustee at any time in the year, and a member can put up a nominee for election as a Trustee at the AGM.

The policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees.

New trustees are appointed by the Annual General Meeting of Church members. Any essential information, included guidance providd by the Charity Commissioners, as well as the policies of the charity are made available to any new trustees.

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The charity's organisational structure.

Trustees meet regularly to discuss and plan objectives and the implementation thereof.

They have overall control and responsibility for policy and major decision making.

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The Chief Executive Officer and other senior management personnel to whom day to day management is delegated

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Setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

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The charity as a part of a wider network.

The church will operate as part of the Baptist Union of Great Britain

The charity's relationships with related parties.

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Bankers Lloyds Bank PLC, PO Box 1000, Andover, BX1 1LT.

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 30 June 2025.

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Policies on reserves.

The Trustees aim to have a level of reserve equating to 25% of the annual operating budget.

The charity's principal sources of funds

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Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

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Risks and uncertainties facing the charity.

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Plans for the Future

Summary of plans for the future and the trustees' perspective of the future direction of the charity.

Key objectives for 2025/26: ☐

- Complete the merger and integration mof the two churches.
- Seek to appoint a minister for the amalgamated church

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- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law);
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
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- to presume that the charity will continue in business;
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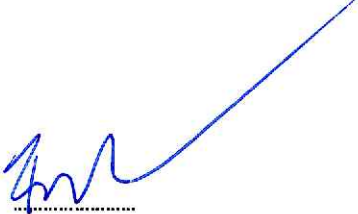
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The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 4 April 2025


Roy McGaughey
Chair of Trustees


Ian Russell
Treasurer

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 30 June 2024

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Period Total Funds
		2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacie	A1	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	A2	-	-	-	-
Total income	A	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	B1				-
Charitable activities	B2	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	B	-	-	-	-
Net income (expenditure) for year		-	-	-	-
Net income after transfers	A-B-C	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds:- E					
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		-	-	-	-

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.
All activities derive from continuing operations

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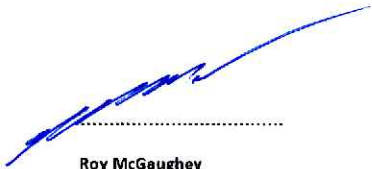
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	SORP Ref	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets	B		
Accrued grant income		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B4	-	-
Net current assets		-	-
The total net assets of the charity		-	-
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:			
Restricted funds			
Restricted Revenue Funds	D2	-	-
Unrestricted Funds			
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	D3	-	-
Total charity funds		-	-

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The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with regard to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



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The notes attached on pages 13 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

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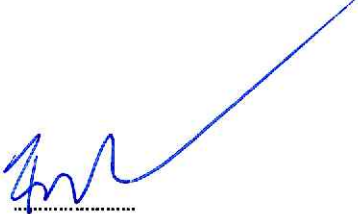
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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015 (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016) published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) ,effective January 2016, (The SORP), and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015 (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016) in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity. The risks and future uncertainties/assumptions facing the charity are detailed on page 5 of the Trustees Annual Report

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity. However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note 4.

Pensions - defined contribution schemes

The company makes a defined contribution pension scheme available to employees. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body: or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 The contribution of volunteers

5 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs

	2025 General Fund £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 £
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	0	0	0	0
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	0	0	0	0
Total salaries, wages and related costs	0	0	0	0
Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents			2025	2024
The average number of total staff employed in the year was			0	0

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

6 Defined contribution pension schemes

7 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

8 Trustees' expenses

There were no expenses reimbursed to trustees, or paid directly to third parties.

9 Loans to trustees included in debtors

There are no loans to trustees.

10 Guarantees made by the charity on behalf of trustees

The charity has not made any guarantees on behalf of the trustees.

11 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties.

12 The purposes for which the funds as detailed on the Balance Sheet are held by the charity are:

Unrestricted Revenue Funds These funds are held for meeting the objectives of the charity and to provide for future activities, and, subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Restricted Revenue Funds

13 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the period ended 30 June 2024 as required by the SORP 2015

14 Donations and Legacies

	2025 General Fund £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 £
	0	0	0	0
Donations and gifts from individuals				
Donations in excess of £1,000	0		0	0
Small donations individually less than £1,000	0		0	0
Total donations and gifts from individuals	0	-	0	0
Revenue grants from government and public bodies		0	0	0
Total public sector revenue grants	-	0	0	0
Revenue grants and donations from non public bodies				0
Revenue grants in excess of £1,000	0			0
Small grants individually less than £1000	0	0	0	0
Total private sector revenue grants	0	0	0	0
Total Donations and Legacies A1	0	0	0	0
Income relating to events organised			-	0
Total Charitable Income	0	0	0	0